

Cellulose Acetate Controversy Again

Canal Zone Commem Announced For April

A commemorative 10-cent ordinary postage stamp, signaling the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Canal Zone Biological Area on Barro Colorado Island in Gatun Lake, will be placed on sale at Canal Zone post offices on April 17, 1948. The stamp will be horizontal-rectangular in shape approximately 36 x 21½ mm in size gray-black in color, showing the outline of Barro Colorado Island, with the coat-of-arms, a small animal native to the area, in the center.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations may send covers to the Postmaster, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, with cash or postal money order to cover mailing. Postal notes, postage stamps, or personal checks will not be accepted in payment. Each cover should be pencil marked in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be affixed, and therefore no letter of instructions need be sent. Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. An outside envelope should not be sent for return of first-day covers. Requests for unusual arrangements and plate numbers cannot be granted. Requests for mint stamps must not be included with orders for first-day covers, but may be sent separately to the Postmaster, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. To insure prompt shipment of the 10-cent stamp, orders should not include other denominations.

The air mail rate between the United States and the Canal Zone is 5-cents per ounce or fraction.

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Like many other businesses throughout the nation, we too have been handicapped because of the fuel gas shortage. Many days in the past month and in part of January, we could not operate in our offices because there was no heat. We therefore, had to close the offices on such days, and it goes without saying that we had to neglect necessary work. Those of you who have not had acknowledgment of your subscriptions, or the change of address, or other business of like nature, will help us a lot if you will just bear with us a little longer until the fuel situation becomes better. We definitely do not make it a practice to operate in the manner in which we have had to, the past few weeks.

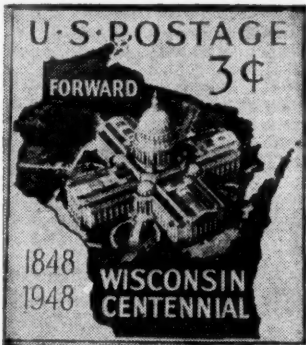
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Proposed Designs For Wisconsin Commem



Four designs submitted
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graving and Printing,
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Illustrations courtesy, "The Milwaukee Journal"

Shown above are four of the designs submitted to the Wisconsin Centennial Commission, and to the people of Wisconsin, for proposed use on a stamp in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Statehood. These designs were prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing artists in Washington, and were on view together with other designs offered by citizens of the state, at the State Historical Bldg. in Madison. Popular approval seems to be in favor of the vertical design on the lower left above. The actual centennial date will be May 29 of this year, and it is expected that a commemorative stamp for the occasion will be issued on that day.

Error Appears On German 15 Pf. Stamp

An error that is very easy to check with the naked eye appears on the 15Pf. stamp of Rheinland-Pfalz which bears a picture of Karl Marx. The error occurs in the name on the stamp in that the "K" of Karl on the errors and on the regular stamps vary with each other. On the one stamp, the lower right hand leg of the "K" is straight, while on the other it is turned up to form a small "U"-like ending. The Boerger stamp Co., of Toledo have submitted a mint pair of the stamps, the stamps being joined, while Philatelic Equator of Hamburg Germany submit the stamps as a pair on cover.

According to the Boerger Co., there is one row in each sheet of 100 stamps with the error. There are ten stamps to each row in a vertical direction, which makes it possible to have ten pairs of the stamp, one of which is the error and the other the correct one. The "K" with the "U"-like ending is the correct stamp.

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Topical Collection On Religion Given Excellent Notice

A very fine write-up was made of the collection of George Bourgraf of Terrace Park, Ohio in a recent edition of the Catholic Telegraph-Register. Mr. Bourgraf is rather well known for his collection of religious stamps which number in the neighborhood of 1600 items, and each of which is placed in his albums with a story about the stamp, or the person or scene depicted thereon.

Three of Mr. Bourgraf's albums are devoted exclusively to holding the stamps on whose faces are reproduced churches in all parts of the world. Little tribute has ever been given to religion by the United States on its stamps as such, but Mr. Bourgraf states that the Valley Forge stamp which shows Washington kneeling in prayer is most inspirational and worthy of inclusion in any collection of religion on stamps.

The name of the Deity has appeared on another of the stamps of this country. This was the Telegraph commemorative stamp of 1944 on which the inscription "What Hath God Wrought" can be noted.

Mr. Bourgraf is the vice-president of COROS Society, the Collectors of Religion on Stamps group that has members of all faiths within its folds including members of the ministry. This group is nationally organized, and has its own publication.

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Full Disclosure Of The Tests For The Use Of Cellulose Acetate To Mount Stamps In Collections

Editors Note: Even though you might have read the original article as written by Mr. Herst in the "Stamp Wholesaler" it will be well to re-read the story as presented below. To double check the information contained in the original article, a letter was addressed to Mr. Paul Braman of the Cellulose Products Division, Eastman Kodak Co. of Rochester, N. Y. asking for more detailed and specific information. Mr. Braman was most cooperative in this respect, and it is the information that is contained in his letter, and laboratory report, and which is reproduced following Mr. Herst's article that really makes the article in keeping with its title, "The Truth About Cellulose Acetate Stamp Mounts". The article is lengthy, but it will definitely be worth the time of everyone to read it. This is must reading).

"THE TRUTH ABOUT CELLULOSE ACETATE STAMP MOUNTS"
by Herman Herst, Jr. courtesy, "The Stamp Wholesaler"

Philately is a science, so we are told. Yet in impressionable days, we were taught that a science is something that is exact, and not theoretical. Mathematics is a science, and there can be no difference of opinion on the fact that two and two makes four.

If philately is a science, it is perhaps the only science that permits of so much theorizing, so much loose talk, and so much information purported to be scientific. If philately is a science, it is the only one that permits self-appointed

experts to set themselves up as authorities, and to damn with invective the attempts of anyone to bring order into a confused field.

In perhaps no segment of the so-called science of philately has the confusion been as rampant as in connection with the talk that has been going on for years on the use of stamp mounts made of cellulose acetate. In the past ten or fifteen years, the manufacture of these gadgets has become "big business." The stamp hinge, tolerated and respected for generations, has become something to be shunned, due to the advertising of the mount manufacturers which imply that a hinged stamp is not a desirable stamp.

We hold no brief either for or against these manufacturers. If a stamp mount that is an improvement on the stamp hinge should come along, we would be all for it. In the near century that our hobby has grown and developed, countless customs and practices have been superseded by newer ones, and better ones. But despite the sweeping claims and practices made by the manufacturers of cellulose acetate mounts, an impartial inquirer can well ask, "Are they an improvement?" To return to the scientific end, isn't it possible that stamp mounts made of cellulose acetate have damaged more stamps than were ever damaged by hinges?

We are concerned in this thesis solely with the effects of cellulose acetate on stamps. We are not interested in appearance; certainly a collection of stamps neatly mounted in little pouches, each framed by a small border of black, can look better than one mounted in the more conventional manner. We are not concerned just now with the marketability of a collection in cellulose acetate mounts, despite the practice of many collection-buyers to slice a certain percentage from their original estimate to protect themselves against defects, thins, no gums, and countless other things that are well hidden by stamp mounts. We are concerned just now solely with the use of these mounts for protection, which is

after all, the primary claim cited for their advantageous use.

"Recommended by the Bureau of Standards in Washington," we read, "Guaranteed by the Eastman Kodak Co. of Rochester" we are told. And the trusting collector, not having been given any contrary advice, buys them, and uses them, secure in his belief that he is protecting his stamps, and who can blame him? When he finds out later, as well he may, that far from protecting them, he is actually assuring their destruction, or almost certainly their depreciated value, what recourse does he have? Even the stamp magazines are reluctant to print his plaint, lest it be interpreted by certain manufacturers of and dealers in these mounts as a reflection on their product.

This last is important: we know of only two magazines that have been frank enough to print facts about cellulose acetate mounts, and to warn their readers against accepting the statements of the sellers as gospel. We refer to Weekly Philatelic Gossip and Linn's Weekly Stamp News. And what was the reward for these two magazines which placed their reader's welfare before the advertising dollars that came in from the dealers and manufacturers? Cancelled advertising contracts and threatening letters! We have seen them, so you can take our word for it. We have some in our files at the present moment.

And what of the recommendation of the Bureau of Standards in Washington and the guarantee of the Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester? This is an interesting matter.

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lic" has been reported.FRANCE: Two new handsome Air
Mail Semi-Postals have just
been received. Denominations
are fifty F plus thirty F Red
Brown showing head of St.
Exupery and 100 F plus 70 F
Indigo showing head of Dag-
naux.FRANCE: A new semipostal has
been received to honor Louis
Braille, the inventor of the
Braille system of reading for
the blind. The stamp is in pur-
ple and the denomination is
6 F and 4 F.GREECE: The eight Drachma
blue Scott's type A 67 has been
overprinted "600 1-9 1948" in
two lines.MONACO: A set to commemorate
Postage Stamp Day is scheduled
for March issue. The stamp will
be a semi-postal, the denomina-
tion 6 F plus 4 F and will carry
a replica of Monaco's first post-
age stamp.PAKISTAN: The George VI set
for India has been overprinted
in Black "Pakistan" as a pro-
visional means of supplying
stamps for this new country—a
new definitive issue is being
prepared to replace these when
they run out—as not all of the
17 values are on hand in equal
quantities and some will not
be available after a month or
so.PARAGUAY: A set to commemo-
rate the 50th Anniversary of
the EPISCOPATE was issued
in late 1947 there are four post-
age and eight Air Mail stamps
in the series. Postage values

NEW AND OLD

San Marino, Centen. of U.S. post (7)	.87
Switzerland, Olympics (1948)	.42
Sweden, 40th. ann. of the king (5)	.54
Paraguay, Airmail #C154-7	.85
Brazil, Triangle Postal	.06
Poland, Hitler, #NB33-5	.17
Russia, Hitler	.15
China, 50th ann. Postal	.15

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China May First	(3) .15
China Constitution	(3) .20
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SOMETHING OLD

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Jalpur Silver Jubilee, New	(8) .46
Jugoslavia Sports	(3) .16
Jugoslavia Balkan Games	(3) .17
Mexico Observatory, C123-25	(3) 1.35
New Zealand Health, 1947	(2) .11
Philippine Pictorial, New	(7) 1.65
Poland Education	(3) 1.28
Salvador Pan-Amer. Union C71-2	(2) .52
San Marino U.S. Centenary	(7) .68
San Marino 215-27, No Surch.	(13) .05
Serbia German Occup. 2NO1	(1) .12
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and 15c Green. The Air Mails
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olet, 70c Orange, 1 G Brown, 2 G
Orange, 5 G Red and Blue, 10 G
Green and Brown. The stamps
show a portrait of Archbishop
Bogarín, the Episcopal Arms,
a Cathedral and a monument.
Each design appears on two or
more of the above listed values.SIAM: A four value commemora-
tive set to honor the new King's
birthday has been reported.
These show a portrait of the
King as follows: 5 s Buff, 10 s
Brown, 20 s Blue, 50 s Green.YEMEN: Four sets of Air Mails
were prepared and issued in
connection with the special
flight from Sana to New York
which brought the Yemenite
delegation to attend the U. N.
These sets were produced by
overprinting 6 values of Scott's
type A7 and 4 values Scott's
type A8 with the new value
on each stamp of 1 IMADI. Two
printings were made, one Red
and one Black.Burke Named New
First Assistant
Postmaster GeneralVincent C. Burke, former post-
master of Washington, D. C., was
sworn in by the Postmaster
General, Jesse M. Donaldson as
First Assistant Postmaster Gen-
eral.The oath of office was admin-
istered at noon on February 2 as
members of Mr. Burke's family,
high postal officials and other
Government leaders looked on.Postmaster General Donaldson
in administering the oath of office
referred to Mr. Burke as "one of
the Post Office's most efficient
and capable administrators.""This is truly one of the happiest
days of my long postal career,"
Mr. Donaldson said. "I have known
Vincent Burke for many years,
and his elevation to the position
of First Assistant Postmaster
General, is a great source of satis-
faction to me as head of the Postal
establishment and to the vast
army of postal workers through-
out the United States."Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney,
former First Assistant Postmaster
General, hailed the appointment
of Mr. Burke as "another forward
stride in placing at the helm of
the postal service long career em-
ployees of outstanding ability and
distinction."
A native of Louisville, Kentucky
where he was born on January 27,
1890, and educated in the public
schools and Spencerian Business
College, First Assistant Postmaster
General Vincent C. Burke entered
the Postal Service on January 19,
1907 as a regular clerk in the
Louisville Post Office.Mr. Burke was appointed a Post
Office inspector on Jan. 6, 1914,
being assigned to the Cincinnati
Division of the Postal Inspection
Service where he served until
March 31, 1918 when he returned
to the Louisville Post Office to
become cashier of that office.On July 11, 1922 Mr. Burke was
reappointed to the Postal Inspec-
tion Service and was again assign-
ed to the Cincinnati Division
where he served from 1922 to
May 4, 1933 when he was brought
into the Post Office Department
as Deputy First Assistant Post-
master General by the Post-
master General James A. Farley.While in the Postal Inspection
Service, Mr. Burke was considered
one of the outstanding authorities
on Postal Service problems, spe-
cializing in service investigations
and surveys. From 1929 to 1931
Mr. Burke was in charge of the
Postal Investigations Surveys of
the largest post offices in the
United States and throughout his
Inspection Service career he was
on several occasions summoned to
Washington by the Postmaster
General for consultation on policy
matters of a service nature.On March 6, 1936 Mr. Burke was
named by President Roosevelt to
be Postmaster of Washington, D.
C. one of the top postmaster as-
signments in the nation. He served
as Postmaster in the Nation's
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circumstances, but in at least one
case, the topic of conservation was
stamps, stamps and more stamps.
And so convincing was the talking,
that when help reached the strand-
ed men, the philatelist among them
had convinced the other three that
they should take up the hobby.The story was told by Alfred
C. Jensen, now of Redondo Beach,
California. It was during the late
war that circumstances of the con-
flict found him and a number of
his shipmates on a liferaft awaiting
rescue for several days. Not all of
the men were alive to be taken
aboard the rescue ship when they
were found, but among them were
three men, Gilbert and J. H. Han-
sen, of Main City, Calif., and Dale
Sutherland, of Richmond, Calif.The collecting of stamps was a
frequent topic of conversation
during the long agonizing hours
when the men did not know
whether they would ever reach
port again. As their shipmates
succumbed one by one, help
when it did arrive found but the
four alive, addicted collector Jen-
sen, and his three tyro friends.True to their promises, the two
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Cellulose Acetate Mounts (Continued from page 1)

good of all of us on virtually every commercial product that can be thought of. It is a service of inestimable value open to all of us without charge. Surprisingly enough, their researches have included investigation into cellulose acetate stamp mounts. A report entitled "Protective Coverings for Postage Stamps" was issued in November 1937, before the plethora of mounts on the market, as we know them today. In that report we read:

"Neither celluloid nor the water-proofed variety of cellophane should be used because the former is composed of cellulose nitrate and the latter is water-proofed with cellulose nitrate lacquer. The nitrate compound decomposes slowly and emits acidic gas which is destructive to paper. Letters enclosed in celluloid envelopes have become badly damaged. The Bureau recently tested some paper to which the water-proofed cellophane had been affixed and found on heating the combination for 24 hours at 100 degrees C, it became discolored, and cracked on creasing once. The unwater-proofed cellophane is more stable, and may not damage paper in contact with it, but it does not have the high degree of stability of cellulose acetate sheeting. Tests at the Bureau have shown that the best grade of the latter material is as stable as the best permanent-record paper and it is being used for the protection of documents by the National Archives."

We have quoted the section at length for a definite reason. To our knowledge, none of the mounts on the market at present are made of celluloid or cellophane. In the late 1920's and early 1930's, before this information was generally known, cellophane mounts were marketed, but when it was realized that cellulose acetate had advantages over cellophane, use of the latter was discontinued. But our interest in this section is in the last sentence: "It is being used for the protection of documents by the National Archives."

This represents the closest that the Bureau of Standards has yet come to recommending the use of cellulose acetate sheeting for stamp purposes. Of course anyone reading the entire paragraph will readily perceive that this is no recommendation at all, and that the fact that a sheeting may be useful for a historical document does not necessarily imply that it will be useful for a stamp.

It is important to note that throughout more than ten years of research by the Bureau on this matter, never once did they show any interest in the gum on the stamp. We must remember that the outstanding advantage cited by the manufacturers of these stamp mounts is that it protects the gum, and that it makes hinge marks unnecessary. Yet on October 18, 1947, G. M. Kline, Chief of the Organic Plastics Section of the Bureau of Standards wrote us as follows:

"Your statement that the primary reason for the use of cellulose acetate mounts is to protect the gum is a new idea in all the inquiries we have had on this subject. It would be very difficult to prevent the plasticizer from migrating from the film to the gum when they are kept in intimate contact over a long period of time. It may be possible to find a plasticizer which would make a satisfactory cellulose acetate film and which would be incompatible with

postage stamp adhesives. Certainly no chances should be taken in this respect with valuable gummed stamps until scientific research testing gives more information on this subject than is now available."

Mr. Kline continued his remarks: "Some plasticizers for cellulose acetate do not have these characteristics. Due to the wartime shortage of materials, it was not always possible to use such plasticizers in the manufacture of cellulose acetate film. Also, there has been a great increase in the number of plasticizers available, and research laboratories are producing more every day. The film formulations are trade secrets and manufacturers may change plasticizer composition at any time without the user being aware of change until the damage is done. In view of this situation, it is easily understood why some injurious materials have been used and why it should not be assumed that all film produced by all manufacturers in the future will be satisfactory. There is no known method for detecting injurious materials other than by a practical test of storing stamps in the film for a long period of time. One apparent solution to this problem would be for the manufacturers of cellulose acetate film to label a grade for this specific purpose made according to a formulation which has been found to be suitable from past experience."

"Cellulose nitrate coatings are sometimes used on cellulose acetate and cellophane as a moisture-proof layer. This nitrate compound decomposes and liberates gases which are harmful to paper."

"This Bureau had made no investigation of material for protecting postage stamps and we know of no such investigations which have been made by other scientific laboratories."

Mr. Kline's remarks should effectively stifle for all time the untrue statements that the Bureau of Standards has recommended the use of cellulose acetate sheeting for the protection of postage stamps. As a matter of fact, the scientific statements made implying the damage that can ensue to paper kept in this product should certainly not be answerable. And it is important that we remember that postage stamps, even including Uncle Sam's, are uniformly made from one of the poorest grades of paper obtainable, certainly less likely to withstand the damage from this sheeting than could documents, which are usually produced on a fine grade of paper. And it is equally important to note that gum, the most transient and perishable of philatelic elements, is a further consideration of importance.

And what of Eastman's Kodapak?

Before going into this facet of the topic under discussion, let us pause to hand a bouquet to the Eastman Kodak Co. We have long heard of the soullessness of great corporations. We have too often heard of their complete disregard for the consumer who provides a market for their product. Let us divest ourselves of these thoughts insofar as Eastman is concerned. Their co-operation in the considerable amount of work, correspondence and research that went into this article was truly a pleasure to behold. That the co-operation continued even though first results of the investigation disclosed that the verdict would be against their own product is a testimony to their sense of fairness. Surely, the goodwill that Eastman will engender among stamp collectors for their sincere desire to assist in the solution of this problem will serve to offset what they may lose in sales of Kodapak, when the truth is known. For like the Bureau of Standards, Eastman Kodak Co. has never "guaranteed" its product to be harmless to stamps, despite claims made by dealers who handled the product, and quite the contrary, their own researches have found it to be definitely harmful.

Eastman's researches were under the authority of Mr. Paul U. Braman, of the Cellulose Products Division. Mr. Braman's co-operation throughout the many months of correspondence that resulted in the report given herewith was most valuable. He placed the facilities of his laboratory at our disposal, and conducted prompt and thorough experiments on stamps supplied by the writer, some of which had become damaged through mounting in Kodapak, others which were submitted

in perfect "Post Office" condition, but which were returned with the gum badly streaked, and still others which for reasons unknown by anyone, stood up well under the various tests.

To Mr. Braman, as to the Bureau of Standards, the philatelists' interest in the state of the gum on the stamp was a new departure from their non-philatelic ideas on the subject. Before their present series of tests, they were primarily concerned with the effect of cellulose acetate on the paper, rather than on the gum, and here we feel that we must repeat that since the use of these mounts is first and foremost to protect the gum, the tests had to be conducted from an entirely different angle.

Mr. Braman's scientific studies are best related in his own words.

"We obtained a new sheet of three-cent stamps for this test. Four stamps were enclosed in No. 150 Rigid Kodapak and a check of four stamps was placed in a glassine envelope. Both sets were then placed between blotters and weighted with a two pound weight to approximate keeping in a normal size album. Samples prepared in this manner were placed in the following humidity conditions: 70 degrees F.-20 percent R. H., 70 degrees F.-50 percent R. H., 70 degrees F.-70 percent R. H., 90 degrees F.-20 percent R. H., and 90 degrees F.-90 percent R. H. Initially the stamps were conditioned to each condition before placing in the envelopes and assembled under weights."

"Examination at the end of two weeks show that high humidity apparently has a tendency to soften the gum and under the pressure exerted on it, the gum more or less takes the impression of the smooth Kodapak sleeve. This condition did not become pronounced until the 90 degree F.-90 percent R. H. was reached where the effect was found to be very serious. The effect of temperature, that is, the difference in appearance between stamps kept

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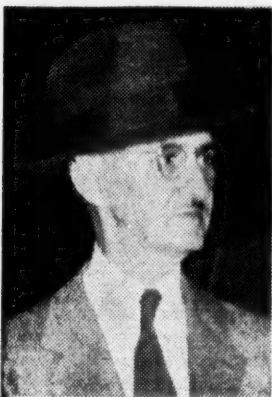
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stamp collectors also that they are aware of the fact that the little postage stamp is a very big advertising medium for their country.

It is because of these facts that making a collection of topical stamps is possible and we know of no field in stamp collecting that is more interesting and fascinating. Besides sticking close to any topical subject you can also find a big field in shapes. You won't find the soft shoulders and attractive curves that are seen on the beach, but you can find a large array of stamps that are other than the standard oblong shape. Squares, diamonds, triangles and other shapes are available. You can also find an interesting field in gathering any or all stamps under a definite size or stamps of large size only. Many of these latter are beautiful examples of engraving and art work. Then of course there is the never ending flow of Souvenir sheets which can be divided into two or more groups or collected as a single group.

The Health stamps of the world as well as the Red Cross issues make a very attractive field and a little thought and study of your catalog will lead you to discover many other subjects that might attract and interest you.

Collecting topical stamps permits you to gather something from many different countries, permits of many different arrangements and classifications in many of the subjects and leaves no end of opportunity to build and arrange a collection that should be attractive and interesting to any non-collector. In fact a topical collection is far more apt to interest a non-collector than is almost any other type of collection.

There is work to be done however in making a topical collection and too many collectors who have a desire for such a collection, seem to lack the ambition to do the necessary work for forming such a collection.

The first requirement is a definite list of catalogue numbers of the stamps that should fit into such a collection. No such lists are available, so the only way to get such a list for the subjects that interests you is to take your catalogue, turn the pages slowly, look at the pictures of the stamps and the wording under them and dig out your own list.

You will find this interesting and fascinating work and it will help you put in several cold winter evenings in a pleasant and practical manner.

Make your list only of catalog numbers, that is all you need. Arrange it so you can check it for stamps you have. Some will want only a single copy used or unused, some will want both, plus blocks and covers, so lay out your list so you can check it to show just what you have and when anything is added you can check that on your list and you will thus always have a complete list of what you have as well as what you need. It is great fun at stamp bourses and shows to hunt for those wanted items.

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tion of topical stamps will come nearer to carrying off a prize for you than many other collections which one might enter.

About The Cellulose Acetate Article

Some several months ago we printed several articles concerning the use of Cellophane and Kodapak for enclosing and mounting stamps. Several dealers became very angry at us for informing collectors of the possible danger from the use of these mounts. We finally dropped the matter.

In this issue, we print an article which was first run in the January 25 issue of Stamp Wholesaler.

Our object in printing this article is to point out the real facts as found by the Bureau of Standards and by the Eastman Kodak Company. Here you have those facts. It can be noted that under certain conditions of temperature and humidity, there is a definite chance for damage to stamps. We can not and will not attempt to analyze these conditions in your residential locality. We can only print what has been found and let you be the judge.

First Flight From Spanish Colony Has Scarce Cover

A cover that is destined to be of a none too plentiful category is one that was flown on a recent test flight for the Spanish Postal administration in order to determine the means of speeding the mail from Spanish Guinea to the mother country. Collectors will remember that Spanish Guinea is located in western Africa bordering on the Gulf of Guinea, and that the capital is Santa Isabel.

A special stamp was prepared for the flight by Spain. It consisted of an overprinting of the following legend on the Scott type A166 of Spain, which pictures Gen. Francisco Franco. The legend reads, "Correo Aereo/Viaje Ministeria/10-19 Enero 1948/Golfo de Guinea." The overprinting is on the 4 Pts. rose of the 1940 issue.

The journey from Spain was made by three ministers of the Postal Administration with the intention of speeding the mails from the above colony. In all the trip required 14 days and was made by plane. When the plane was about to leave Santa Isabel, Spanish Guinea on January 15 commemorative flight covers were placed on board which were franked with the special stamp. The number of covers carried on the flight is not known definitely, but the number is not great. Only 20,000 of the stamps were overprinted for the flight and were used on just this one occasion.

It was found that by direct use of planes, the time of delivery of mail from that colony could be reduced to one week where previously it required about five weeks by steamer, and about two weeks with the use of plane and steamer. Information about the above flight was provided by Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain.

COLLECTORS COMPLETE EXHIBITION ARRANGEMENTS

Final touches for the annual exhibition and bourse of the Columbus Philatelic Club at the Virginia Hotel, Columbus, Ohio on February 28 and 29 are being applied. The show is to open on Saturday morning the 28th at 10 a. m. Visitors to the show will be greeted with a fine display of stamps by the members, as well as a number of dealers who will have tables on the bourse.

A buffet supper and entertainment at \$2 per person will commence at 9:30 Saturday evening. The road show of Nelson P. LaGanke of the Stamp-Ade Co. will supply some of the entertainment. An auction is to be held on Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m., the material for which has been lined up by Linc-Russel. The club has also been promised a supply of the stamps sold at the Philatelic Agency in Washington to be sold from a smaller agency to be established at the show.



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The Stockton Stamp Club of Stockton, Calif. were only able at the last minute to have an assurance that the Souvenir Sheet Seals that they had ordered for the commemoration of their show on February 8 would be printed. Since the printer did come through, and since they were under the impression that some of our readers might want a copy, they have supplied the details for obtaining them.

The seals are quite attractive and reproduced in its central design the same scene that is borne on the Gold Rush stamp. This design is in green, and the frame and the wording are in dark brown. Cost of the seals are 10c each, and the seals on cover with the February 8 postmark cost 15c. Address requests for either to W. W. Phillips, P. O. Box 1810, Stockton, Calif.

Two Year Sentence Given Stamp Thief

News of the apprehension of Max Kalish by the authorities for allegedly using the mail to defraud dealers and collectors was carried in the columns of this paper. At that time, Kalish was accused of using the mails to mult dealers in all parts of the United States of stamps which they had sent to him on approval. He had an elaborate system of establishing references for himself, and used various types of impressive stationery to sell himself to dealers.

On January 21, in Boston—Max Kalish and his attractive wife, Josephine, who recently pleaded guilty to being involved in a scheme to use the mails to defraud, stood before Judge George C. Sweeney in Federal Court for sentence. The couple, who come from New York, had been living recently on River st., Hyde Park.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Charles Miller told the court Kalish had fraudulently obtained stamp collections by mail, valued at \$12,500. He recommended a two-year prison sentence for the defendant with a suspended term of a year and a day and two years' probation for Mrs. Kalish. Judge Sweeney imposed the sentence as recommended.

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ITALY—We have found a part sheet of the 10c. with the AMG-VG overprint (Scott's 1LN7A) with double overprint, one blind. By holding the back of the stamp so the light glances of to hit the eye, the blind print is almost as clearly visible as the offset overprint which also appears on this same sheet. It is quite likely that in all of philately there is no such other item existing with offset and blind double print both.

SAN MARINO—The 100 L. airmail sheet of the Cipex set was issued in miniature sheets of 10. We have just obtained two such sheets with the lower row of horizontal perforations missing. Thus this becomes one of the exceptionally rare Americana finds.

ROMANIA: We just received the first stamp of "The Popular Republic of ROMANIA" showing the map of the country as it was established at the beginning of 1948. The blue large sized stamp of 12 Lei was issued on the occasion of the "Recording census data."—For the first time in Romanian Postal history a special "PRIMA ZI A EMISIUNEI" (First day of issue) cachet in red was applied on January 25th, 1948 on the cover prepaid with above mentioned stamp. It is interesting to note, however, that the previous Romanian stamps depicting King Michael run concurrently with the first Republic stamp. The special first day cachet was introduced by Dr. T. Outlic, the Chief of the Philatelic Section of the General P. O.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT STAMP IS REQUESTED

Favorable nods from Post Office Department officials are being given to a request for a stamp to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the Washington monument in 1848. While the corner stone was laid in that year, it was not until 1884 that the monument was completed. The monument was designed by Robert Mills who held to the value of the majestic simplicity of the shaft.
 No indication has been given that the stamp will be approved, but it seems quite possible that it will. At the present time the POD has an imposing array of requests for stamps of a commemorative nature.

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On or about February 16, airmail service will be inaugurated at Longview-Kilgore, Texas on route AM-24. No official cachet will be provided for Longview as a cachet has been furnished previously for airmail service at this point. However souvenir covers received by the postmaster at Longview, Texas will be dispatched to first flights if possible.

A special cachet will be provided for Kilgore, and the usual treatment of Philatelic mail will be authorized.

First flight covers sent to the postmaster of Kilgore, Texas should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

At request of collectors, covers from Longview and Kilgore will be given directional service to a terminal or junction point designated by the Regional Superintendent, Air Postal Transport, and served for the first flight in each direction, and will there be back-stamped and dispatched onward to destination.

Price List Of Revenue Stamps Is Offered

Those collectors who have an interest in the Revenue Stamps of the United States will welcome the news that a new price list for these items has been released by John S. Bobo, 2025 Webster Ave., Chicago 47, Ill. Not only does he have many of the harder to get items on his list, but also states that he has a fairly comprehensive stock of the scarcer stamps, but not in large enough quantities to place them on. Mr. Bobo will be happy to take care of your inquiries, if you will address him at the above address.

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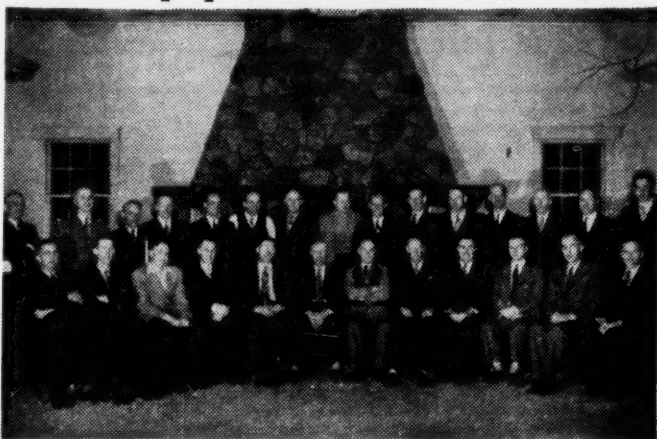
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The Michigan group have been in existence as a club for approximately one year. Presently, the following officers are guiding its destiny: George J. Kneuer, president, E. C. Neumann, vice-president and Walter Nash, secretary-treasurer. The club now meets on the third Thursday of each month in facilities provided by the Ford Co.

Usual activities of the members center around the auctioning of stamps, lectures, swapping and displays, but occasionally they trade visits with their Canadian fellow employees.

The Company provides the members with a great deal of enjoyment by periodically presenting the Club with stamps received on the incoming mail. This material is made available to the members at a very nominal price. The proceeds realized from this material are turned over to reputable charities.

Both Clubs make it a practice to entertain each other at their auctions, banquets, etc. This also affords an opportunity for the members in the U. S. to buy choice Canadian material at face and also obtain British Colonial stamps very reasonably. In return the Canadian Club is kept well supplied with United States philatelic items.

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Those elected to serve the society are: President, David Brockton Browne, Pasadena, California; Vice President, Elliott B. Holton, Irvington, N. J.; Secretary & Treasurer, Gerald P. Todd, Long Beach, California; Directors: Vernon L. Ardifi, Sr., Chicago, Ill.; Everett C. Erie, San Francisco, Calif.; Harold P. Faust, Charlotte, N. C.; and William C. Vestal, Redlands, California.

In addition, the following appointments have also been announced: Editor and Publisher of "Seaposter," Gustav J. Lund, Berkeley, California; Sales Manager, C. E. Seabold, Chicago, Ill.; Exchange Manager, Ralph E. Steffes, Los Angeles, California; Washington, D. C. Representative, Dr. Forrest M. Swisher, and Representative for Great Britain and Europe; Norman Hill.

Maritime Postmark Society is a non-profit organization catering to both beginners as well as advanced collectors of Seapost, Pacquet, RPO's, TPO's, stampless ship covers, early ship letters, river and lake boat markings, miscellaneous types of maritime covers and cancellations of both nineteenth and twentieth centuries; APO cancellations and foreign first day covers. Outstanding news and research articles, written by well-known authorities on almost every phase of the hobby, are published regularly in the Society's interesting bi-monthly journal, "Seaposter."

For further information and for membership application blanks, please write direct to the Secretary-Treasurer, Gerald P. Todd, P. O. Box 1809, Long Beach, 1 California, who will be happy to oblige your requests concerning Maritime Postmark Society without obligation.

Exhibition Dates

Feb. 20, 21, 22—North Shore Philatelic Society's "NORPEX" Edgewater Beach Hotel, N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago.
February 20, 21, 22—Beverly Hills Philatelic Society, Ridge Park Field House, 96th St., and Longwood Dr., Chicago, Ill.
February 28, 29—Columbus Philatelic Society, Virginia Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.
March 5, 6, 7—"SOJEX 1948," Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J. Chairman, O. W. Acton, 95 Market St., Salem N. J.
March 13, 14—Ogden Hill Stamp Club, Ogden Park Field House, 65th and Throop Sts., Chicago. Correspondence and exhibition seal requests to Wm. Heisler, 7151 S. Union Ave., Chicago.
March 12, 13, 14—Peoria Philatelic Society, Peoria, Ill., Jefferson Hotel, Chairman, Dr. Charles Sneller, 320 Jefferson Bldg., Peoria, Ill.
April 9, 10, 11—Allentown Philatelic Society, Allentown, Pa., Hotel Traylor, Seals, cachet and other information from Robert Jacob, 323 N. 22nd St., Allentown, Pa.
April 10, 11—Peninsular State Philatelic Society/Bancroft Hotel, Saginaw, Mich. Saginaw Philatelic Society as host club.
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April 23, 24, 25—Pottstown Stamp Club, Odd Fellows Temple, 260 King St., Pottstown, Pa. Seals and cachet from Horace Swavely, 68 Beech St., Pottstown, Pa.
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It has also been awarded to such internationally famous philatelists as Dr. Herbert Munk, Dr. Emilio Diena. Among the British philatelists who have received it have been Sir Edward Bacon, F. J. Peplow and A. M. Tracy Woodward.

Mr. Boggs is Director of The Philatelic Foundation and Secretary of its Expert Committee, a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, the Collectors Club, New York, The American Philatelic Society and Life Member of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions.

COLLECTOR NEEDS HELP ON REVENUE STAMP STUDY

Help from fellow collectors is being asked by Homer C. Landis, 1745 Chapman Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Landis is making a specialized study of United States Revenue stamp, Scott No. R155c, the issue with the overprint on the back of the stamp. He would like to communicate with anyone who has information, or copies of the stamp to be examined. A note to him at the above address telling what you have would be appreciated by Mr. Landis.

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NORFOLK ISLANDS. The recently issued set of stamps for this colony has appeared in large lots used (cancelled). You can even obtain full sheets of cancelled stamps with the original gum. This certainly looks like a racket. In fact it appears that the issuance of the Norfolk Islands stamps, was not for any postal need, but merely a money making racket, and as usual, the American collectors supplied most of the proceeds of this racket.

GAMBIA. What controls the prices listed by Scott's catalogue? Popularity or number issued? The records indicate that the total number of the shilling values of 1902/1905 issued was in no case over 6000 and values less than 6000. The catalogue value of the one shilling is now, after forty years \$7.00 and the other shilling values from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Why? These are Scott's Nos. 35/39.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND. This is a small island in the Indian Ocean about 190 miles from Java. A post office is maintained and the stamps of Straits Settlements are used. Straits Settlements stamps or covers with Christmas Island cancellations are a nice item to have.

AMG COLLECTOR PAYS VISIT TO LINN'S

Mr. R. R. Harrington, Akron, Ohio who has been making a specialized collection of AMG issues and much study and research on those issues dropped in at the editorial office this week in hope of comparing notes with the editor, Mr. Linn. It was a pleasure to have Mr. Harrington call on us and we were sorry Mr. Linn had just left the day before for a vacation in Miami Beach, Fla. Mr. Harrington is in touch with a retired German Sea Captain who has sent him much worth while information. Any one having interesting varieties of AMG issues who would care to contact Mr. Harrington may address him c/o General Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.



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Junior Collectors Helped By Denverite

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Gary and five other members, all between the ages of eleven and fourteen, organized the North Denver Junior Stamp Club with a constitution and by-laws patterned on those of the Denver Stamp Club, a senior organization. Since its inception, the club has grown steadily, and it is planning regularly to interest more collectors.

Officers of the club in addition to Gary who is the president, are Harold Hofer and Carl Almquist, vice-presidents, and Jesse Johnson as the treasurer. The club's advisor is Gary's father, Colonel May, who found his childhood interest in stamp collecting revived by the "Stamps For The Wounded" program at Fitzsimmons General Hospital.

Colonel May is also working on a city wide project that will include the formation of stamp clubs in various sections of the city. He envisions neighborhood meetings, a federation of the clubs with regular exhibitions and get-togethers, and a possible showing of collections at the big APS convention in Denver next September. He is willing to offer information and assistance in the formation of junior stamp clubs in North Denver and can be reached at 3300 Stuart Street.

Gauge To Measure Centering Produced

That there can be something new under the sun is shown by the announcement in our columns this week of a micro-accurate method of determining the perfection of centering of specimens, together with a very simple and exact standard of rating.

This handy new device was conceived and developed by L. H. McQuestion, for many years an engineer and automotive designer. A collector since boyhood, and more recently a dealer in stamps, he has had ample opportunity to observe the steady increase in the consciousness of the collecting fraternity to perfection of condition; the first essential of which is centering.

The opinion of many collectors was sought in establishing tolerances and this was followed by extensive investigations into suitable materials and production processes. Following automotive engineering practice test samples were made up and submitted to a cross section of collectors and dealers for their comments as to the utility and desirability of the gauge.

The final result of this investigation is a very attractive set of micro-accurate, transparent gauges with which any type of mounted or loose specimens may be checked for "centering" with equal ease. The four gutter spacings provided cover the entire range of U. S.; as well as most foreign issues. A unique feature is the fact that the gauging lines themselves are sealed inside of the plastic by a laminating process which guards permanently against marring or distortion. The gauges and the rating system have both been copyrighted and made the subject of broad patent coverage.

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This course is planned to meet the requirements of a practical course in philately, and has sufficient merit to have the approval of the New York City school system for the granting of in-service credits to the teachers who attend it. Teachers are given a special rate of three dollars as the cost of the course, while others must pay the regular fee of ten dollars for the course. Winthrop S. Boggs is the director of the Philatelic Foundation and of the course of study.

Silver Anniversary Celebration Goal Of Allentown Club

Stamp collectors in Allentown, Pa., especially the members of the Allentown Philatelic Society, are keeping their fingers crossed in the hope that the proverbial April showers will not wash out the attendance at the show that they are sponsoring on April 8, 9, 10, 11. This event has better than ordinary significance in that it will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the club. This Silver Anniversary motif will be carried through all the various affairs that the club is planning on the occasion.

To be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Traylor in Allentown, the exhibition will have many of the outstanding collections of this section of the country on display. The usual bourse will be held also on each of the four days, while an anniversary banquet is in the planning stages at the present time. The club will also have a seal and a cachet for the event, but as yet are not in a position to show the design, nor quote prices on the items.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the YMCA at 7:45 p. m. Correspondence can be directed to Robert Jacob, president of the club, 323 N. 22nd St., Allentown, Pa.

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Cellulose Acetate Mounts
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at 70 degrees F. and those kept at 90 degrees F. dry condition was found to be very slight.

As those who live along the Eastern seaboard can testify, particularly those in the New York area, in July and August a daily temperature in the neighborhood of 90 degrees, accompanied by relative humidity in excess of 90% R. H. is by no means unusual. The summer of 1947 was perhaps one of the most disagreeable with-in memory for this reason, for in August humidity daily came within range of this figure or exceeded it. In the South where temperature and humidity is even more of a problem, the effect on stamps kept in cellulose acetate mounts can easily be perceived. In the Mid-West and the Rocky Mountain regions, where high humidity is seldom if ever encountered, these problems do not exist.

The conclusions that Eastman Kodak Co. drew from their researches were contained in a letter from Mr. Braman dated November 24, 1947:

"From this short test, we conclude that under conditions of normal humidity the press polishing effect of Kodapak on the gum of stamps is very slight, but that this effect is very marked at high humidities, coupled with elevated temperatures. We also conclude that the humidity effect is more serious than the temperature effect. However, it should be kept in mind that this is a short test, and that over a long period of time, more flow could conceivably result at normal humidity conditions, resulting in more press polishing. While the above tests are rather drastic, it has shown that the press polishing effect on the glue will result if the stamps are subjected to these conditions."

We wrote Mr. Braman, citing the use to which his statements would be put, and asking if he realized that the attendant publicity would certainly harm the sales for the Eastman product, Kodapak. We consider Mr. Braman's reply a fine tribute to the unbiased desire of his firm to serve the stamp collecting public to best advantage:

"We wish to acknowledge your fine letter of November 28 and heartily agree with you that in recommending our Kodapak to stamp collectors we would be doing a great disservice to them knowing that the glue on postage stamps might be damaged if stored in adverse storing conditions."

So much for the Bureau of Standards and the Eastman Kodak Co. Who is left to guarantee that cellulose acetate is harmless to stamps, or to the gum on stamps, save the manufacturers of the product, or the dealers handling it?

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The reader may well ask, "Are they all bad?"

This is one question we cannot answer. The Bureau of Standards implies that a product, that this week will be safe will not be next week, and from that implication, we may gather that one mount that is dangerous today will be safe tomorrow. We can only cite our own experience, in the hope that it will be correct in helping dealers and collectors know which way to turn in seeking a solution to the problem.

Our interest in the subject is not new. For over two years our own investigations in a very modest way has been going on. We have conducted experiments in an amateurish way, mounting stamps in most of the different mounts available, periodically checking them. In only one did we find that the stamps were damaged in winter months. On this mount, the stamp rested against a piece of black soft porous photographic paper. On the other side of this black paper was a form of rubber cement, which is used to affix the mount to the album page. There being no sheeting between the stamp and the black paper, it was natural that the cement would work through the porous paper, and the stamp was stuck solid.

With only one type of stamp mount did we find little damage ensuing, under all circumstances. This was the sleeve-type, into which the stamp was slipped, the end folded under so that it could be fastened to the album page, and then cut to proper width with scissors. Being open at both sides, it was possible for the air to circulate freely in and out of the pocket into which the stamp was placed. This apparently effectively prevented the gathering of gases in the pocket, and more important, it apparently prevented the accumulation of dampness which would in turn soften the gum, a tendency which was shown by both the Bureau of Standards and Eastman Kodak Co. to exist.

What of the future? This depends on our stamp magazines, which are the only means stamp collectors have of bringing their problems to light. We are indebted to Stamp Wholesaler which has offered to lead the way in public spirit by bringing these facts to the trade. We are indebted to one of the weeklies which has promised us that they will reprint the article verbatim in order to acquaint their own readers with the facts shown therein. It will be interesting to see whether any of the other magazines are equally public-spirited enough to protect the substantial investment in stamps that their readers have, or whether they will be more interested in bowing deeply in the direction of their advertisers who pay them their advertising revenue in continuing to offer for sale cellulose acetate stamp mounts which, as has been established, are definitely harmful to stamps.

(Editors Note: The following is not part of Mr. Herst's article, but is the result of inquiries made of Eastman by Linn's Weekly Stamp News. It is a full and fair report of Eastman's findings in regard to Cellulose acetate for mounting stamps.)

MR. BRAMAN'S LETTER ON THE MATTER
February 2, 1948

George W. Linn Co.
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Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your letter of January 29 concerning the reprint of an article written by Mr. Herman Herst, Jr. of Shrub Oaks, New York on the effect of acetate on the gum of postage stamps.

In order to clarify this whole subject, it might be well to mention that we have been corresponding with Mr. Herst since last fall and agreed to conduct a series

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During September 1947, Mr. Herst wrote us that his main complaint on the use of transparent sheeting was the damage done to the gum and not due to any fading or loss of color in the stamp itself. As we had no information as to how the stamps were stored, we agreed to conduct tests in the laboratory which is the basis of Mr. Herst's article.

For this test, we secured from our local post office full sheets of stamps in denominations up to five cents. From this group, four stamps were enclosed in our #150 Rigid Kodapak and a like amount of stamps, to be used as checks, were placed in glassine envelopes. These stamps were then placed between blotters and weighted with a two pound weight to approximate keeping in a normal size album. Samples prepared in this manner were placed in the following humidity conditions: 70°F.—20% R. H. (Relative Humidity), 70°F.—50% R. H., 90°F.—20% R. H., and 90°F.—90% R. H. Initially, the stamps were conditioned to each condition before placing in the envelopes and assembled under weights.

As mentioned in Mr. Herst's article, an examination was made at the end of two weeks which showed that high humidity has a tendency to soften the gum and under the pressure being exerted on it, the gum more or less takes the impression of the smooth Kodapak sleeve. This condition did not become pronounced until the 90°F.—90% R. H. was reached where the effect was found to be very serious. The effect of temperature, that is, the difference in appearance between stamps kept at 90 F. and those kept at 70°F. dry condition was found to be very slight.

Stamps that are still under tests at 70°F.—20% R. H. and 70°F.—50% R. H. do not show any effect on the gum although the stamps stored at 70°F.—70% R. H. show a very slight polishing effect. This leads us to believe that stamps stored in Kodapak under normal conditions will show no damage to the gum. We should also like to mention that under the 90°F.—90% R. H. condition, the stamps kept in glassine envelopes showed more damage to the gum than those kept in our

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U.S. NOTES

BY CARL P. RUETH

Alaska might have the record for the longest days and nights, six months is the figure we've been told, but it is a foregone conclusion the Coloma, California is the leading candidate for the runner-up position. The date of January 24, first day of the "Gold" stamp, must have lasted all of two weeks at least, for covers arrived in dribbles for days. The covers with the blocks on them seem to have been serviced last. Some even wrote in stating that they had not received their covers with blocks although their covers with singles were at hand.

Ready to check your knowledge on United States stamps? Let's go.
1. The Everglades Park commemorative issued on December 5 was the first one issued in a vertical format for some time. What were the last two commemorative stamps of the same size issued in vertical format, prior to the Everglades stamp?
2. Name the values and the designs on the first eight stamps of the current Presidential series for regular postage.

It seems as if a lot of collectors are up in arms over the fact that the Post Office Department will no longer mail post card notices of new issues. This ruling became effective the first of the year, and was instituted as an economy measure. Many collectors have written here about their displeasure, but I'd like to point out that the same effort expended in Postmaster General Donaldson's direction would be more effective. He's the man in charge!

Several collectors have written recently about their prompt shipments of the stamps that they ordered from the Philatelic Agency in Washington. Two especially were well pleased with the service rendered. The one was Richard M. Needham of Pataskala, Ohio the other Orville Heisey of Louisville, Ohio. Both gleefully report that they received their orders just three weeks to the day of the time that they had sent them. Both credit the good service to P. M. G. Donaldson.

Saw an interesting item in the "California Collector" official publication of the California Collectors Club, for the cancellation fans. It tells that you can obtain the odd cancels applied at Ono, Calif. (the only double ring cancel in California), and the one at Fiddletown, Calif. The Fiddletown postmaster will apply his autograph and a cachet. Make your request to the postmasters in a short note to accompany the stamped, self-addressed covers that you send them. Another double ring cancel is available from the postmaster at Kill Buck, Ky.

Some time spent with an adding machine, and his copy of "A Description of United States Postage Stamps" caused H. M. Brehm of New London, Wis. to come up with the following statistics. The figures and the limitations are his. He writes that:-
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commemorative postage stamps between the Columbians of 1893, and the Everglades Park stamp, the last one of 1947. (He counts all the stamps of a series, as an issue, such as the National Parks series is considered as just one issue).

—a total of 27,919,340,305 commemorative stamps have been printed during this time.

—the issue containing the largest number of stamps printed was the Washington Bicentennial series of twelve values released in 1932. This total amounted to 7,173,022,900 stamps.

Alexis Kellogg of Detroit, has shown me a copy of a letter that he has sent to Postmaster General Donaldson in protest of the purple color that is used on issues of commemorative stamps. Due to the fact that the three cent stamp is for domestic postage, there is a wide range of colors that can be used for the stamps of this value. Either the POD has an oversupply of certain inks on hand, or it lacks imagination. In the case of the five cent stamps, these must be in blue, inasmuch as the members of the Universal Postal Union (U. P. U.) have agreed that stamps for the prepayment of international mail are to be issued in that color.

The passing on of Orville Wright, of the airplane inventing Wrights, was the inspiration for a letter to Postmaster General Donaldson by at least one collector that we know of. This was George Amick of Delaware, Ohio, who asks that a stamp for each of the brothers be issued in the format of the Famous Americans series, and a special 5c commemorative airmail stamp to carry the picture of both the brothers in the design plus a view of the Wright monument at Kittyhawk. I've seen the monument at Kittyhawk, and the one at Dayton, Ohio, and if a monument is to be incorporated into the design, the one at Dayton has much better inspirational and commemorative qualities.

No notice is given to Anonymous letters, but to the writer of a recent offense in this respect (and for any of the past, present or future), the answering words of a clergyman to an irate truck driver are quoted: "My good man, I don't use your kind of language but I hope when you get home your mother will run out from under the porch and bite you."

According to a late release from the POD to the various postmasters, they are told that quantities of the "Gold" stamp will be delayed in shipment to their offices. So don't pester your postmaster to death for the stamps; he'll get them soon.

Were you right? Here are the answers.

1. The two stamps immediately preceding the Everglades Park stamp and having vertical formats were the Iwo Jima stamp, Scott No. 929, issued on July 11, 1945, at Washington, D. C., and the Thirteenth Amendment stamp, Scott No. 902, issued October 20, 1940 at Flushing, N. Y.

2. These values and designs are as follows: 1/2c, Franklin; 1c, Washington; 1 1/2c Martha Washington; 2c, John Adams; 3c, Thomas Jefferson; 4c, James Madison; 4 1/2c, The White House; 5c James Monroe.

NIAGARA FALLS CLUB
NAMES OFFICERS FOR '48

The very active Niagara Frontier Stamp Club of Niagara Falls, N. Y. has named officers for the year of 1948. After the balloting was completed, it was found that Robert Kelly was voted the office of president, Gus Losch was made the vice-president and Yvonne M. Jackson was named secretary-treasurer. The club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. at the Whitney Avenue School, Whitney Ave. and 19th St. in Niagara Falls. These quarters are used only during the school year. Collectors are always welcome to attend these meetings. Address of the secretary-treasurer is 127-61 St., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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"The stamp will have as its principal design a replica of the original seal of the Mississippi territory with an outline map of the territory and county's together with a picture of the Governor of the territory at the time of its admission into the union.

"In this connection it is learned that when an impression of the seal of the territory was sent to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing it was discovered that the word Mississippi was misspelled, the fourth "s" being omitted. It is believed that the error was made by the one who engraved the original seal, but the Department of Archives and History of Mississippi has been called upon to check on the matter to determine whether or not the spelling of the original Mississippi territory eliminated the fourth "s." Until this matter is straightened out on the design for the stamp at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has been discontinued."

Helicopter Route To Serve Rialto, Cachet Promised

The Post Office Department announced that on or about February 18, 1948, air mail service will be inaugurated at Rialto, California, through the helicopter at Colton, Calif. on Route AM-84.

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stranger to a lot of stamp collec-
tors, for it brings to mind to many
of them the author of a book, the
holder of one of the finest stocks
of Chinese stamps in existence,
and the owner of an outstanding
collection of these stamps. Mr.
Renouf has forsaken the city for
the pleasure and the profit to be
gained in the country, and he now
operates a 600 acre dairy and
poultry farm near Belchertown,
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to a large extent from the sale
of the stamps, is one of the most
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has become one of the top farm
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Cellulose Acetate Mounts

(Continued from page 8)

Kodapak. It is reasonable to as-
sume that any gum or glue that
is hygroscopic will take up mois-
ture under these humidity condi-
tions and will take on the pattern
of the material in contact whether
in be glass plate, black paper,
glassine, or any other type of
material.

We believe that Mr. Herst has
honestly tried to write a complete
article on the use of cellulose ac-
etate stamp mounts but believe
that in writing this article, he
should have pointed out some of
the above facts in order to estab-
lish a clear and concise report on
the tests which we have conducted.
We asked Mr. Herst to submit
a copy of his report to us before
publication, which was not done,
and, therefore, we could not clear
up assailing facts.

We know that in the past stamp
collectors have used transparent
materials manufactured by other
concerns that have damaged
stamps due to the type of plasti-
cizers or the method of manufac-
ture. Sometimes this damage was
caused by nitro-cellulose coatings
on the material or a high shrink-
age value which badly wrinkled
or warped the stamps.

We do not wish to be drawn in-
to any controversy with any stamp
collectors throughout the country
but are merely interested in find-
ing out the facts. In all of our
correspondence with stamp col-
lectors, we have given them in-
formation that we have found by
actual tests in the laboratory and
have left it up to the individual
whether or not he feels that our
Kodapak is a suitable material
for stamp mounts.

May we thank you for sending
us the proof of the article which
you intend to print and would
appreciate it very greatly if you
would emphasize that if the
stamps are stored under normal
conditions, no damage to the
stamps should result but if al-
lowed to be subject to high tem-
peratures and high relative hu-
midities, any material will change
the surface characteristics of the
glue.

We are enclosing a copy of the
report received from the labora-
tory dated January 27, 1948
which is the final inspection re-
port on the stamps stored in Kod-
apak. We think you will find this
of interest and will want to in-
clude the information in your
forthcoming writeup.

If you have any further com-
ments to make, we would be very
happy to hear from you.

Yours very Truly,
EASTMAN KODAK CO.
(Signed)
Paul U. Braman
Cellulose Products Division

THE LABORATORY REPORT

TO MR. BRAMAN
January 27, 1948

In a letter to you of November
17, 1947, we reported on a test
being run to determine the effect
of thin Kodapak on stamps when
used as a packaging material. This
work was started as a result of
correspondence between you and
Mr. Herman Herst, Jr. Mr. Herst
states that the use of Kodapak
envelopes resulted in press polish-
ing the gum on the back of stamps
and thereby depreciated their val-
ue.

We are now concluding this
test at the end of two and a half
months. The results shown at this
point are substantially the same
as those reported in the above let-
ter. In summing up it can be said
that the use of Kodapak envel-
opes has been found to have little
or no effect in comparison to the
use of glassine envelopes at nor-
mal temperatures and normal hu-
midities. At normal temperatures
and high humidities there is also
little difference in the appearance
of stamps packaged in glassine
compared to the Kodapak. At ele-
vated temperatures there is little
difference if the humidity is low,
but at elevated temperatures with
high humidities the Kodapak was
found to press polish the stamp
gum very markedly. However, at
these conditions the entire gum
surface of the four test stamps
was well adhered to the glassine
paper. There was also a pro-
nounced change in color of gum in
both packages.

We conclude that under condi-
tions of normal humidities the
press polishing effect of Kodapak
on stamp gum is very slight, but
is very marked at high humidities
coupled with elevated tempera-
tures. It should be remembered,
however, that at these latter con-
ditions, trouble will probably be
encountered with any type of
packaging.

From April 1936 until May 1941,
Abyssinia was under the rule of
Mussolini's Italian Legion. The
country was known as Ethiopia
under the Italians.

AIR MAIL COVERS

by Samuel S. Goldsticker
453 Mt. Prospect Ave.
Newark 4, N. J.

In last week's column, I men-
tioned that service on AM-87
would begin on or about February
15th, with the possibility of of-
ficial cachets at all offices. Since
that time, the official schedules
have been released, disclosing that
(a) service will begin on part of
the route on February 14th, and
part on February 20th (b) the ad-
dition of supplementary stops
through the existing airports; and
verification of the official cachet
notice. On February 14th, service
will begin on trips No. 40 and No.
42 serving:

Cincinnati, Ohio; Lexington,
Kentucky; Bristol, Virginia; Bris-
tol, Tennessee; Kingsport, Ten-
nessee; Johnson City, Tennessee;
Asheville, North Carolina; Hen-
dersonville, North Carolina; Char-
lotte, North Carolina; Pinehurst,
North Carolina; Aberdeen, North
Carolina; Southern Pines, North
Carolina; and Wilmington, North
Carolina. Service on trips No. 50
and No. 51 will begin on February
20th as follows: Louisville, Ken-
tucky; and the following points
in North Carolina: Winston-Salem;
Greensboro; High Point; Raleigh;
Durham; Goldsboro; and New
Bern.

Service to additional points on
this route will begin as equip-
ment is obtained and airports are
put into the proper condition.

Regular monthly meeting of the
Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club
will be held on Friday evening,
February 13th, at the Hotel Times
Square, (15th floor), 43rd street
and 8th avenue, New York City.
All airmail cover collectors in the
New York area are invited to at-
tend.

UN Plans For Korea

Will Perhaps Bring
New Stamp Issues

On January 19, the United Na-
tions Commission for Korea set
a tentative date for the election
it hopes will lead to the estab-
lishment of an independent govern-
ment for a unified Korea.

The commission named a sub-
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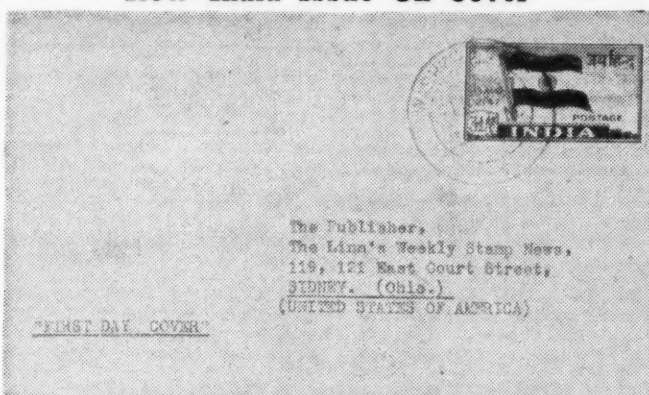
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New India Issue On Cover



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New Stamps Issued By Three Countries

On January 25, Greece issued a charity stamp which bears the picture of St. Dimitrius, the patron saint of Salonica. The design was patterned from a byzantine ikon. The proceeds from this semi-postal are to be distributed as follows: 45% are to go to the reconstruction of the St. Dimitrius Church at Salonica, 30% for the rebuilding of the monastery of St. Laura which was destroyed by the Germans, and the remaining 25% for the restoration of ancient historical monuments and churches. The stamp will be compulsory on all inland mail for the balance of the year, along with the two semi-postals for the benefit of the tuberculosis fund of the postal clerks. Information about the issue and a first day cover was received from P. J. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Place, Athens, Greece.

Further values of the series for famous men and monuments of Ecuador have been received on a first day cover from Estrella, P.O. Box 537, Quito, Ecuador. The stamps were released on January 29, and consist of the following values and designs: a 30c rose, and a 40c ultramarine, both of which depict the facade of the old cathedral at Quito, and a 5c dark brown, and a 15c dark blue green, both of which bear the portrait of Vincente Rocafuerte. The designs had been used on other values of the series and were reported previously.

A first day cover with the 1½ annas olive green stamp on it was received from India. This stamp is one of the new series for India and has the picture of the capital of a column which is surmounted by symbolic lions. The first day of issue for the stamp was on December 15, and the cover at hand bears the Santa Cruz East postmark. The cover was received through the courtesy of Harilal O. Shah, Wadwhan Camp, India.

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Parcel Post Precancels—

At the time the Parcel Post issue was being circulated and used at the various offices, Precancelling was gaining in popularity as a means of speeding up the mails. The largest cities had all values up to and including the dollar value but the smaller offices often had on hand only a few values. Due to the size special plates or handstamps had to be made to accommodate the large size stamp. This fact no doubt further limited the use of the issue as far as precancelling was concerned. So, outside of a few large cities the majority of the Parcel Post precancels are truly classics. According to C. C. Achtenberg writing in the FORUM recently states that only the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Dakota and Hawaii did not issue any Parcel Post precancels. The last two mentioned did precancel some Parcel Post Dues which quite probably to some collectors takes them out of the non-issuing class. Mr. Achtenberg says that it is possible to get complete sets from the following cities: Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Houston, and Seattle. Philadelphia no doubt was the most prolific user of Parcel Post precancels. The Curtis Publishing Co., was responsible for the bulk. A lot of high value Philadelphia Parcel Posts came back to U. S. from Canada being sent there no doubt on bundles of the Saturday Evening Post. If you are considering some issue in which to specialize in the Precancel field consider the Parcel Post issue.

CHICAGO COLLECTORS WILL HOLD EXHIBITION

The Beverly Hills Philatelic Society will hold its 16th Annual Exhibit on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 20, 21 and 22, 1948, in the Auditorium of the Ridge Park Field House, 96th Street and Longwood Drive, Chicago.

The exhibit will be divided into five classes, viz: United States, British Commonwealth of Nations, Foreign, Air Mail, and Covers. Acting as judges, will be three of Chicago's very active Philatelists. They are Charles Hahn, Editor of the Stamps column in the Chicago Sun, Bert Powell and Arthur E. Burke. All three are members of the Chicago Philatelic Society. The "Welcome" mat is out, and Beverly Hills Philatelic Society extends an open invitation to all collectors and non-collectors to visit their show.

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Some of the Juniors in Lyndhurst N. J., the stamp collecting ones, that is, are having a mighty fine time with their hobby. Under the guidance of Dudley Sleater, who helped to found the club, the Juniors have progressed from a first day membership on October 2, 1947, which consisted of seven boys, to a present day membership roll of 37 boys and girls. The club meets weekly between the evening hours of 7 to 9 in the Lyndhurst Public Library, on Friday.

The Juniors have selected officers for the club; the president is Ernest Fontan, the vice-presidents are Paul Hanlon and Benjamin Dent, Arthur Lotito, treasurer, Patricia Granger, secretary, and Audrey Pinto is the foreign Corresponding Secretary. Assisting Mr. Sleater in advising and guiding the Juniors, is Donald J. Fleming, Lyndhurst's postmaster.

If present plans work out, these young collectors are intending to sponsor their own publication "The Lyndhurst Stamp News." They are offering the opportunity of being a booster to the project at \$1 per year, which money will be put to one side with the intention of acquiring their own quarters at some future date when the space is available, and the finances are adequate. Foreign correspondent memberships are to be sold also at \$1, this money being earmarked for use on the club home project also.

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